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SUBJECT: RCC FORMS NEW LIBYAN CABINET

SUMMARY: NEW LIBYAN CABINET ANNOUNCED. JALLUD REMAINS PRIME MINISTER, RCC MEMBER AL-HUNI IS NAMED TO VACANT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND RCC MEMBER MUHAYSHI IS NAMED MINISTER OF PLANNING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IS ABOLISHED, PERHAPS PARTLY AS CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO EGYPTIANS. OTHERWISE THERE ARE NO MAJOR CHANGES. END SUMMARY.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE NOV 14 THAT RCC HAD REORGANIZED LIBYAN CABINET. JALLUD REMAINS PRIME MINISTER, AND ONLY MAJOR CHANGES ARE APPOINTMENT OF RCC MEMBER ABD AL-MUN'IM AL-HUNI TO VACANT FOREIGN MINISTRY POST AND NAMING OF RCC MEMBER MAJOR OMAR ABDALLAH AL-MUHAYSHI TO VACANT MINISTRY OF PLANNING, NOW KNOWN AS MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. IZZ AD-DIN MABROUK REMAINS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, AND RCC MEMBER KHUWAYLDI AL-HUMAYDI REMAINS MINISTER OF INTERIOR. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IS ABOLISHED, AND FORMER MINISTER DURDAH, CRITICIZED DURING RECENT ASU CONFERENCE

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FOR HIS HANDLING OF MEDIA DURING ANTI-EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN

OF RECENT MONTHS, LOSES HIS POST AND IS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE IS REPORTEDLY TO BE SENT AS AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA. MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IS DISBANDED, AND FORMER MINISTER AL-ZINTANI ALSO NAMED AMBASSADOR, ALONG WITH ABD AL-HAMID AL-ATRASH, UNKNOWN TO US. OTHER MINISTERS REMAIN IN SAME JOBS.

2. SIX NEW CABINET LEVEL JOBS ARE ALSO CREATED, MAKING TOTAL OF 22, UP FROM 18:

--ABD AS-SALAM AL-FAYTURI, FORMERLY CHAIRMAN OF BREGA MARKETING COMPANY, AND AN ABLE TECHNOCRAT, MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

--OMAR AHMED AL-MUGASBI TO NEW MINISTRY OF NUTRITION AND MARINE RESOURCES.

--ABULQASIM ZUWI, FORMERLY UNDERSECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, NAMED MINISTER OF STATE WITHOUT PROTFOLIO.

--MASOUR AL-BADR, HEAD OF LIBYAN NAVY BEFORE REVOLUTION AND SINCE THEN A CIVILIAN OFFICIAL IN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, IS NAMED HEAD OF NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF MARINE TRANSPORT.

--JUMAA AL-ATRASH, FORMER DIRECTOR OF ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WHO UNDERWENT A YEAR OF TRAINING IN U.S. UNDER WESTINGHOUSE AUSPICES, IS NAMED TO NEW MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY.

--MUFTAH ALI KAABA TO NEW MINISTRY OF MUNICIPALITIES.

3. COMMENT: NEW CABINET HAS LONG BEEN RUMORED, AND ANNOUNCEMENT WAS EVIDENTLY HELD UNTIL END OF ASU CONFERENCE. OUR FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT ENTRANCE OF RCC MEMBERS AL-HUNI AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND MUHAYSHI AS MINISTER OF PLANNING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STRENGTHENS CABINET, AS RCC MEMBERS ARE ONLY ONES WHO SEEM TO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE AT ALL WITH QADHAFI. OTHER MINISTERS ARE ONLY HIGH-LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS. ABOLITION OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND DEMOTION OF DURDAH MAY BE INTENDED AS SOMETHING OF PEACE OFFERING TO EGYPTIANS. MAJOR QUESTION FOR US IS WHETHER APPOINTMENT OF RCC MEMBER AL-HUNI AS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL IMPROVE ACCESS BY DIPLOMATS TO RCC, OR AT LEAST GIVE THEM SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY TO COMPLAIN TO. AL-HUNI HAS REPUTATION AS CAPABLE PRAGMATIST, AT LEAST IN LIBYAN
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TERMS, AND HE IS BRIGHT SPOT IN NEW CABINET. HE LEFT LIBYA FEW DAYS AGO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN LONDON, AND WILL REPORTEDLY NOT RETURN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
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